

GLACIAL KAME GORGET FOUND IN VINTON CO., OHIO

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Mark Long of Jackson, Ohio, found an undrilled Glacial Kame gorget in eastern Vinton County in June, 2009. Long was walking a logging road when he noticed the artifact weathering out of the top of a ridge.

The humpbacked gorget measures 3 inches long, 1-3/4 inches wide and 1 inch

high. The base is slightly convex. As with most similar artifacts, the upper ridge of the spine stands slightly higher than the other side, and the angle of slope of the ridge in profile descends at a steeper angle than the other.

Because Glacial Kame was centered in

the northwestern part of Ohio, the presence of this artifact in south-central Ohio indicates a wide dispersal of the culture. Glacial Kame gorgets are likely stylized representations of turtles.



Figure 1 (Holzapfel) Glacial Kame gorget found in Vinton County.



Figure 3 (Holzapfel) Location of Vinton County.



Figure 2 (Holzapfel) View from leading edge.



Figure 4 (Holzapfel) Similar undrilled humpbacked gorgets from Darke County. Top example made of banded slate; bottom, quartzite.